

INTERPRETIVE TRAIL AT HONEY CREEK RESORT STATE PARK



Iowa's newest state park, Honey Creek Resort State Park, was opened on the shore of Lake Rathbun in September of 2008 and is far different from our typical definition of a park. This isn't just a park, it's a resort, including a 105 room lodge, an indoor water park, a restaurant and lounge, a conference center, a golf course, docks, a boat ramp, boat rentals, picnic shelters, a playground, a swimming area, nature trails, an RV park and 28 modern cabins. That's a lot of facilities!



The Iowa DNR owns these facilities but has many partners in the management of them, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Iowa Governor's Office, and Central Group Companies, LLC (a private hotel management company).

A new nature center is currently under construction where the three naturalists that work here can provide further programming about nature and outdoor recreation for people of all ages.



Throughout the park and golf course are natural preserve areas, creating a really pretty setting and a great place for native and rare prairie plants to grow safely. Throughout the park an interpretive trail educates hikers on all of these different habitats and species. The trail is wide and level, perfect for families with young children to utilize.

